



State of Washington

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: GRAYS RIVER HATCHERY REMOVAL OF SEDIMENT

Description of Proposal:

This project removes sediment debris from the Grays River channel and floodplain deposited during the 2009 flood. For this project, a total of 3,352 cubic yards will be removed (2,031 cubic yards from alongside the Grays River channel above OHW and 1321 CY from the hatchery grounds near the hatchery residences located above the river channel. For sediment removal locations and cubic yard amounts see question 3.3.

In addition to removing sediment deposited during the 2009 flood, this project will also place 10 CY of riprap material and LWD to replace eroded riprap along the upper intake area above Ordinary High Water. All work to complete this project is conducted above Ordinary High Water.

An emergency repair was previously conducted at this site at the time of the flood. These amounts are included as part of the SPIF (Specific Project Information Form) environmental review.

Proponent/Applicant:

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Grays Harbor Hatchery Complex. From Olympia, take I-5 south to Longview. Turn west onto Hwy 4 through Longview to Cathlamet. Go through Cathlamet and continue west until you cross the Grays River. After the bridge take the first right, and follow this road to the hatchery, Washington, Pacific County; Section 33, Township 11 North, Range 07 West WM

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law¹ does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.² We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **March 11, 2010**

You can submit your comments by email to SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov, through the WDFW SEPA website comment link at <http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/hab/sepa/sepa.htm>, fax to (360) 902-2946, or mail to the address below. When you send us your comments, please provide the name of the proposal in your comment letter.

Responsible Official: Teresa A. Eturaspe

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/hab/sepa/sepa.htm>. Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.¹

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Teresa Eturaspe at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call her at (360) 902-2575.

DATE OF ISSUE: February 25, 2010 **SIGNATURE:**



Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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